HOUSE ENROLLED ACT No. 1047

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning military and veterans.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 21-12-2-2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018]: **Sec. 2. (a) This section applies to an individual who receives financial benefits or financial resources from the following sources:**

> **(1) The Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, as amended, and other acts of Congress granting a right, privilege, or benefit to veterans.**
> **(2) The federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 701 et seq.) and amendments to that statute, including programs administered by the division of disability and rehabilitative services established by IC 12-9-1-1 under the federal act.**
> **(3) The federal Social Security Act.**

(b) When determining financial eligibility for need based financial aid available to a veteran student (as defined in IC 21-41-12-2), the commission shall exclude any financial benefit or financial resources received by the veteran student from any of the following sources:

> **(1) The Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, as amended, and other acts of Congress granting a right, privilege, or benefit to veterans.**

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(2) The federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 701 et seq.) and amendments to that statute, including programs administered by the division of disability and rehabilitative services established by IC 12-9-1-1 under the federal act.

(3) The federal Social Security Act.

SECTION 2. IC 21-15-2-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007, SECTION 256, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018]: Sec. 1. (a) This section applies to the board of trustees of the following state educational institutions:

(1) Ball State University.

(2) Indiana University.

(3) Indiana State University.

(4) Purdue University.

(5) University of Southern Indiana.

(b) The board of trustees of a state educational institution may award financial aid to students and groups of students out of the available resources of the state educational institution through:

(1) scholarships;

(2) fellowships;

(3) loans; and

(4) remissions of fees, tuition, charges, or other funds;

on the basis of financial need, excellence of academic achievement or potential achievement, or any other basis that the board of trustees finds to be reasonably related to the educational purposes and objectives of the institution.

(c) When determining financial eligibility for need based financial aid available to a veteran student (as defined in IC 21-41-12-2), each state educational institution shall exclude any financial benefit or financial resources received by the veteran student from any of the following sources:

(1) The Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, as amended, and other acts of Congress granting a right, privilege, or benefit to veterans.

(2) The federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 701 et seq.) and amendments to that statute, including programs administered by the division of disability and rehabilitative services established by IC 12-9-1-1 under the federal act.

(3) The federal Social Security Act.

SECTION 3. IC 21-15-2-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007, SECTION 256, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018]: Sec. 3. **(a)** The board of trustees of Ivy Tech Community College may provide scholarships and remission of fees in proper

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cases.

(b) When determining financial eligibility for need based financial aid available to a veteran student (as defined in IC 21-41-12-2), the board of trustees of Ivy Tech Community College may exclude any financial benefit or financial resources received by the veteran student from any of the following sources:

> **(1) The Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, as amended, and other acts of Congress granting a right, privilege, or benefit to veterans.**
> **(2) The federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 701 et seq.) and amendments to that statute, including programs administered by the division of disability and rehabilitative services established by IC 12-9-1-1 under the federal act.**
> **(3) The federal Social Security Act.**

SECTION 4. IC 21-15-2-5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018]: **Sec. 5. (a) This section applies to the board of trustees of Vincennes University.**

(b) When determining financial eligibility for need based financial aid available to a veteran student (as defined in IC 21-41-12-2), the board of trustees of Vincennes University may exclude any financial benefit or financial resources received by the veteran student from any of the following sources:

> **(1) The Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, as amended, and other acts of Congress granting a right, privilege, or benefit to veterans.**
> **(2) The federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 701 et seq.) and amendments to that statute, including programs administered by the division of disability and rehabilitative services established by IC 12-9-1-1 under the federal act.**
> **(3) The federal Social Security Act.**

SECTION 5. IC 21-27-2-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018]: **Sec. 1.5. (a) As used in this section, "academic term" has the meaning set forth in IC 21-12-1-2.**

(b) As used in this section, "active duty" has the meaning set forth in IC 10-16-7-23(a).

(c) As used in this section, "armed forces" means the:

> **(1) United States Air Force;**
> **(2) United States Army;**
> **(3) United States Coast Guard;**
> **(4) United States Marine Corps; and**

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(5) United States Navy.

(d) As used in this section, "qualified student" means a member of:

(1) the Indiana National Guard;

(2) the National Guard of a state contiguous to Indiana;

(3) a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States; or

(4) the armed forces;

enrolled in a state educational institution.

(e) The board of trustees of a state educational institution shall allow a qualified student on active duty or called to active duty during an academic term to exercise any of the following options:

(1) Reenroll in any course for which the qualified student had remitted tuition but that the qualified student was not able to complete due to active duty status. Course reenrollment shall be offered to any qualified student:

(A) for a period not to exceed four (4) years after the date of the qualified student's release from active duty; and

(B) without additional tuition, student fees, or related charges.

(2) Receive a refund for tuition and fees paid by the qualified student for the academic term in which the qualified student was called or ordered to active duty, or based on the qualified student's active duty status.

(3) Receive a credit for a subsequent academic term in the amount of the tuition and fees paid during the academic term for courses that the qualified student did not complete due to active duty status.

(f) If a qualified student has been fully reimbursed for tuition, fees, and charges for a course that the qualified student did not complete due to active duty status, the qualified student is not entitled to further reimbursement under this section.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President of the Senate

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President Pro Tempore

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Governor of the State of Indiana

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